

Position: Jack Layton Journalism for Change Fellowship

Location: Anywhere in Canada

The position

Jack Layton inspired people by example, demonstrating that working together for social and economic justice is possible and achievable.

It is therefore fitting for *rabble.ca* and the Institute for Change Leaders to proudly announce the third annual search for a recipient of the Jack Layton Journalism for Change Fellowship. The fellowship supports emerging writers and journalists who are passionate and engaged in developing unique voices in social change reporting. The fellow will develop a work plan with *rabble.ca*'s editor based on their submitted proposal that will include a combination of news reporting and feature writing. The fellow will participate in story meetings with *rabble.ca* editors and staff over a period of three months. The successful candidate will be mentored and supported in creating their articles.

Guidelines

The fellowship is intended to support emerging writers and journalists. We are seeking fellows who are passionate, engaged, and interested in developing their unique voices in social change reporting. The fellowship pays a stipend of \$3,000 for the three-month period.

Fellows will work with *rabble.ca* over a mutually agreed three-month period in the year following their selection.

Fellows will be asked to pitch a beat as part of the application process, and will be expected to cover national events.

For details on how to pitch, please see our pitch guidelines [here](#).

During the three-month fellowship the Jack Layton Journalism for Change Fellow will:

- Produce weekly news reports for *rabble.ca* in the beat they have pitched. These pieces should be timely news pieces that are approximately 600-800 words in length.
- This may be in combination with a longform piece on an issue determined in consultation with *rabble.ca*'s editor.
- Participate in *rabble.ca* story meetings (by phone or online conferencing) and join *rabble.ca*'s virtual newsroom on Slack.
- Receive mentorship and support in creating, shaping, and editing articles.
- Receive a \$3,000 stipend for the three-month fellowship.

Who should apply:

The fellowship was created to cultivate and amplify new voices, and is designed for writers who want to develop confident, well-rounded voices and are particularly interested in progressive, mission-driven journalism.

If you are a journalist who wants to grow your publication experience, we strongly encourage you to apply. If you are passionate about the need to report on social movements but do not have a history of writing or blogging about them, we strongly encourage you to apply.

This is not a full-time position. Fellows must be based in Canada.

Writers who have contributed to *rabble.ca* before will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Candidates will be evaluated by a jury of three journalists.

How to apply:

Please send a cover letter indicating why you should be the Jack Layton Journalism for Change Fellow together with your resume, beat pitch, and two writing samples to internships@rabble.ca. Entries close October 30, 2019 at midnight.

rabble.ca is an equal-opportunity employer. We strongly encourage writers of colour, Indigenous and LGBTQ writers, and writers with disabilities to apply. *rabble* is committed to the principles of social advocacy journalism outlined in our editorial policy.

We hope that our fellows will be able to find a community among their co-fellows and the workers of *rabble.ca*.